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1. STRAITS TIMES ON SEPTEMBER 8 CARRIED REUTERS ITEM FROM JAKARTA WHICH STATED THAT ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD MEET IN JAKARTA LATER IN MONTH TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RAISE ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY (ZPFN) IN SEA AT UNGA. REPORT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO AN "ASEAN SPOKESMAN" IN JAKARTA.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER ON SAME DAY CALLED K. KESAVAPANY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, MFA, TO ASCERTAIN ACCURACY OF PRESS ACCOUNT. KESAVAPANY SAID DISCUSSION OF ZPFN CONSUMED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AT SEPTEMBER 1-2 ASEAN MANILA MEETING BUT ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO AGREEMENT TO TAKE MATTER BEFORE THE UNGA SINCE IT WAS FELT "THAT UNGA MIGHT NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE FORUM" IN WHICH TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE.

3. COMMENT. KESAVAPANY'S ACCOUNT CONTRADICTS THAT OF THAI MFA
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OFFICIAL (REF A) BUT CONFIRMS THAT OF MRS. MANALO (REF B).

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WHILE RAISING ZPFN AT THE UNGA MAY HAVE ITS ADVOCATES IN ASEAN, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT IT IS OPPOSED BY OTHERS, PROBABLY INCLUDING SINGAPORE. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF ISSUE IS NOT PURSUED AT FORTHCOMING ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING IN SINGAPORE (SEPTEMBER 17-18) WHICH PRECEDES MEETING OF ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 20). GRANT

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